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COMPOSITIONS

Examiner: N. M. Westerberg

AMENDMENT

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2009, please consider the following amendments along with the accompanying remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time and payment for the required fee are also submitted herewith, to extend the response period to October 7, 2009. In addition, a Request for Continued Examination and the accompanying fee are submitted along with this response. It is believed that no additional fee(s) is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any fee is required or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency and/or credit any refund owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.